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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Symposium on Tobacco was held at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh in January, 2003;

(b) if so, the items of agenda discussed therein; and

(c) the outcome of the discussions?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) No such symposium was organised by the Government. However it is learnt that a`National Symposium on Tobacco` was organized by Indian Society of Tobacco Science (ISTS) - an association of Tobacco Scientists, traders and farmers.It is also learnt that the primary focus of this symposium was to enhance the competitiveness of Indian Tobacco and explore means which would enable further acceptance of Indian Tobacco.